in licensing will be given to proposals from the Co-operative Sector and the Public Sector, in that order, as compared to the Private Sector.

(b) Preference has been given to the cooperative sector in licensing of new sugar factories in order to improve productivity by associating the farmers, who supply the basic raw material, in the management of the factory. Further, the Co-operative and Public Sectors have often to step in to set up factories in certain new areas and thereby promote the overall development of such areas.

(c) The recovery per cent cane of the cooperative sector has been higher than that of the public and private sectors (for the country as a whole) during the last three seasons (October—September).

(d) No change in policy is contemplated at present.

Central Warehousing Corporation, Calcutta Region

*246. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the casual workers in the Central Warehousing Corporation, Calcutta Region, who have not been absorbed in regular service so far;

(b) what is the number of workers removed from the jobs; and

(c) what are the reasons for their removal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Except one daily rated chowkidar, there is no other casual worker to be considered for absorption in regular service in Calcutta region of Central Warehousing Corporation.

(b) and (c) The various godowns of CWC engage and disengage casual workers depending upon exigencies of work. The number of such workers keeps changing on a virtually day-today basis.

Steel Plant at Daitari, Orissa

*247. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Goernment have decided to set up a steel plant at Daitari in Orissa in the joint sector; and

(b) if so, the details of private sector participation, the cost, the capacity and the expected time for the commissioning of that plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) Government does not propose to set up a steel plant in the joint sector at Daitari in Orissa. However, the Government of Orissa has intimated that it has on 1-11-1991 entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Dr. Swaraj Paul of the Caparo Group to set up an integrated steel plant at Daitari. As per the MOU:

(i) Kalinga Steels Ltd. is expected to be in the private sector with full support from the Government of Orissa.

(ii) The Caparo Group with its associates, in consultation with the Government of Orissa, will form the Board of Management of Kalinga Steel.

(iii) Caparo will arrange to evaluate the different technology options.

(iv) Caparo will arrange a financing package including foreign currency and rupee components.

(v) Both parties agree to start work on this project immediately. The MOU will be appropriately expanded, modified detailed into an agreement in due course.